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Editorial

Not a Christmas Editorial

This could be a Christmas Editorial...it could call for Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men...it could, but it won't.

This could be a New Year's Editorial...it could call for all kinds of resolutions to be a more non-violent, less self-serving society...it could, but it won't.

This editorial is about a debt exclusion vote scheduled for Millbury voters on December 28th. If voters approve, the town will be able to go forth with the first stage of a three-phase sewer project for the Grafton St., Riverlin St., MacArthur Dr. and Millbury-Wheelock Ave. areas. It's not necessary to go into details of the project; we've done that in our reporting.

It is, however, necessary to counteract some of the comments being made around town such as, "I'll never see it in my area of town, so why should I vote for it?" or perhaps, "The people responsible for the mess at Paul Revere should have to pay for the sewerage on Grafton Street;" or the equally popular comment: "I already have sewerage, and I don't care if they get it or not."

The fact of the matter is (1) If you don't vote for the debt exclusion on December 28, you guarantee that expansion of the sewer system in your part of town will be delayed until the next vote...or the next vote...or the next vote; (2) everyone knows that all those responsible for the mess at Paul Revere probably won't have to pay until Judgement Day; and (3) taxpayers' money has already gone to pay for a portion of every home in town that is already sewered.

A "yes" vote for the Debt Exclusion is the only way to begin the process of guaranteeing that eventually the whole town will receive water and sewerage. It's that simple! Let's get this three-phase project underway and start planning for the next sewer project.

A Christmas Editorial

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle

Andree A. Belisle - Editor

We The People...

Government should get out of education

To the Editor:

It seems as if School Reform is starting to go a little bit smoother now that people are falling for the propaganda being spewed forth by the bureaucratic institutions that are in power.

Self reliance is out - reliance on government is in. The big question on peoples' minds is: What can I get from the government? Instead of, as President John F. Kennedy so eloquently said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Today that duty to country is PAYING MORE TAXES FOR MORE GOVERNMENT, which as we all know has been more money wasted than gained.

One brief scan of the U.S. Constitution would show that most government institutions we now pay for are not even Constitutionally mandated, including education.

True education reform would be for the government to get out of the business. One must ask themselves this question: If someone knocks on my door and says, "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you," should I tell him to get lost, or should I invite him in to bungle up my household?

This, in essence, is what has happened through the past 30 or so years. We, through government propaganda (e.g. mainstream media), have slowly turned away from the great moral truths this country was founded upon, and have embraced humanism and self-esteem, where one is taught to do what FEELS right in his or her own mind. The basic truths of right and wrong are being replaced with "Higher Order Thinking Skills" (H.O.T.S.) or psychological brainwashing with counselors who allegedly know more about your children than you. They don't! (Even the police are breaking federal law by teaching D.A.R.E.!).

Robert J. Picard
Millbury

Too Little, Too Late

To the Editor:

Wyman-Gordon had a lot of nerve to hold up the water line project after 2,500 gallons of nitric acid spilled at Wyman-Gordon's North Grafton plant on January 5. Tests turned up elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene in neighborhood wells. Nitrate was also found in wells. However, Wyman-Gordon denied that the contamination of these wells had any connection with the nitric acid spill of January 5 even though the State DEP issued a report last August that stated the possibility that the contaminated wells on Creeper Hill and Faulkner Roads were possibly linked to Wyman-Gordon.

Wyman Gordon does almost $300 million in sales annually - yet it held up the water line project for almost an entire year by only paying $150,000 when the total cost for the project was $415,000. The rest of the money came from EOCD grants from the state and getting these grants was time consuming.

Because of the water line hold up, the residents had to drink and cook daily with bottled water and worry about taking showers for much longer than should have been the case. [...]needless suffering could have been easily avoided if Wyman-Gordon had immediately paid the full amount of the project which it should have done right from the start, but of course, refused to do.

The residents have been very good neighbors of Wyman-

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Oh, Christmas Tree! Oh, Christmas Tree!
Whatever Shall I Do With Thee!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

In co-operation with the Millbury Board of Health, we will again be offering curbside Christmas Tree pickup for our customers on Saturday, January 8. A slight fee will be charged.

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. . . Joe Morin

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Well, well, another Holiday Season is Upon Us...The Hustle and Bustle, a Present for This One, That One!...Will we Survive it all?...Sure, we will....But Let's Not Forget that HE'S The Reason for The Season!

Well, now that we gave that top priority, 'tis the time for other "stuff!'... You know, good people, we thought we would put together a column this month for you consisting of "good stuff," you know, no negative, bad and sad reports: just "good stuff," but we're really at a loss; we just couldn't find any of that good stuff to get out to you all! But then the thought came to us of all those good people out there, you know who I mean! I speak of those firefighters and policemen out there who daily put their lives on the line for us; I think of those thousands of deeply dedicated and caring ministers, priests, and rabbis out there who more often than ever, go beyond the "call of duty" consoling, healing, offering a hand when needed; a blessing. We think of those dedicated doctors, nurses, and their aides who comfort the sick, lend a helping hand; we think of those politicians, and believe me, there are some out there who really care about their constituents. How about those good people volunteering in working with the elderly? Unsung heroes! The elderly, the lonely, the homebound person certainly appreciates them....And how about those out there who, not only around the holidays, but almost weekly, help others in need by providing food, a helping hand? Good people, good stuff to write about! Bless 'em All!

AND NOW THE REAL WORLD....While watching the Hubbel

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MILLBURY - Millbury Savings Bank President and Chief Executive Officer William J. Walsh presented a check for $1500 to Waters Farm Preservation, Inc. to help "Raise The Darling Barn."

Waters Farm, located in Sutton, is on the National Historic Register. Volunteers operate this early New England farm as a "Living History Center." The circa 1800 Darling barn will be used to house the many antique and historic farm implements and memorabilia donated to the farm. A dedication of the barn is anticipated to be held next October.

"Waters Farm offers young and old a unique opportunity to understand the challenges of daily life in the early history of New England," said Walsh.

The bank's contribution will provide support and expand the ways in which the history of Waters Farm can come to life.

Millbury Savings Bank is a $74 million Mutual Savings Bank offering a competitive array of deposit and loan products and serves Millbury, Sutton and surrounding communities in the Blackstone Valley.

For more information on Waters Farm, write to Waters Farm Preservation, Inc., P.O. Box 42, Sutton, MA 01590.

C.O.A. Volunteers honored

MILLBURY - The Council on Aging honored its volunteers at a dinner at the Cock N' Kettle Restaurant recently. Aurelie Burbank (above) received a special plaque for her 14 years of continuous service. Others volunteers honored were: David Watkins, Aggie Boire, Theresa Wilisch, Sophie Marquis, Walter Bodah, Ginny Ribb, Rose DeToma, Everett Swenson, Millie Sheehan, Chris Caputi, Irene Morris, Cecile Scally, Katie Caron, Albert Girouard, Charlotte Stockwell, Shirley Huchowski, Helen Mankevetch, Loretta Goodreau, Chester Stencel, William Turgeon, Grace Kasputis, Bridget Bodah, Joe Wilkinson, Corine Belisle, Patricia Fitzjames, Eleanor Klosek, Elizabeth Auclair, Betty Kotzen, Wanda Bien, Rita Kalagher, Donald Kasputis, Halfred Chambers, Paul Stubbert, Beverly Stockwell, Mona Metro-Gagnon, Bea Tessier, Aldona Karsok, Gertrude Ellis, Frank Deluca, Annie Daw, Harold George, Marcia Frasier, Toni Dupre, Martha LeMay, Lionel Auclair, Florence Callan, Gertrude Army, Rita Stencel, Eleanor George, Louise Green, Addie Carlson and Eva Roycewicz.

Sutton Fried Chicken Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will host a Sutton Fried Chicken Supper on Saturday, January 8, with a continuous sitting from 5-7 p.m. This family-style dinner will also include ham chowder, rice pilaf, cheese broccoli and fresh baked bread. The dessert is still a mystery. Tickets are $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for preteens. Children 5 and under are admitted free of charge.

Transfer Station holiday hours

MILLBURY - The Millbury Transfer Station will close at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 24 and reopen at 7 a.m. Tuesday, December 28. Residents having a Transfer Station sticker can bring their Christmas trees to the transfer station until January 8. No trees will be accepted at the Highway Garage.

Kollios Office Hours

BOSTON - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) will not hold office hours during the month of January due to scheduling conflicts in Auburn and a change of location in Oxford.

Kollios will be at the Millbury Senior Center on January 6th.

Children speak with author

Photos courtesy of Mrs. Baldino

MILLBURY - On December 16, children in Mrs. Baldino's fourth grade class at the Shaw School had the unique opportunity of a conference call with author Patricia MacLachlan.

The students had just completed reading her Newberry Award Winner Sarah, Plain and Tall and were quite excited to be speaking to her. The call lasted about a half hour, leaving the children very well infomred and with new insight into the life of an author.

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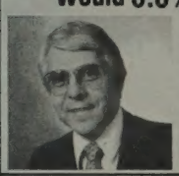
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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Merry Christmas to all of you! This has been one of the finest Christmas Seasons that I have experienced in a long time. Just being alive and well is one of the blessings of the season after doing battle with cancer. My God has been so good to me and must have something else for me to do before I go to be with Him eternally.

Preaching on special occasions can be quite difficult for one who usually expounds the Scriptures. There have been times when I just went ahead with my exposition and fit in the Christmas Story. I remember, one year I came to the last chapter of Romans where the Apostle Paul sends greetings and I related it to one of the great blessings of Christmas, and that is the Christmas cards when we hear from some friends we have made along life's journey.

This year has been quite different. We included the children of the Sunday School in a Worship Service and introduced them to Joseph Davidson (in the Bible he is called Joseph thou son of David). This is what is called a first person narrative sermon when you take on the role of some person. Later, I am going to take on the role of Herod the Great. Right now, I am working on a Dialogue Sermon with my Organist/Choir Director, Charles King. In a dialogue we will talk to each other and share that conversation with the congregation. We will be talking about the music in the Christmas Story as found in Luke, Chapters one and two.

Christmas makes this darkest time of the year liveable with all the bright lights on display, and they are beautiful this year. But, more than anything else, it is the Christ of Christmas who makes it all most wonderful with an emphasis on giving and loving. Make this the best Christmas you have ever had by allowing the Babe of Bethlehem's manger and the Christ of the Cross to be born anew into your hearts and lives. Amen.

Christmas Eve Service

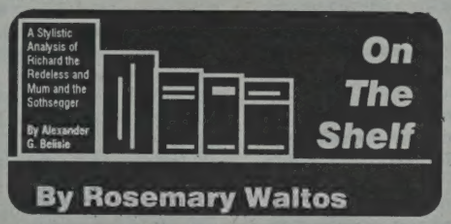
MILLBURY - Grace Baptist Church of Shrewsbury will observe a Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 7 p.m. at the Raymond Memorial Congregational Church in Millbury. The church is located on Raymond Street immediately before the Mass Pike entrance. The public is invited. The service will include carols, special singing, scripture reading and a candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

Met Opera Star to perform at Uxbridge church

UXBRIDGE - Dana and Sue Talley will present a special post Christmas concert on Sunday, December 26, at 6 p.m. at the North Uxbridge Baptist church. Dana Talley, principal soloist at the Metropolitan Opera for five consecutive years, appeared in 23 different roles including productions which are seen internationally on the "live from the Met" television Series. He was the understudy for the famous tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo. He also performed the "Messiah" of Handel on PBS-TV broadcast worldwide from 1980 through 1985.

Sue Talley has been giving solo recitals since the age of five and at 16 made her orchestral debut with the Santa Barbara Symphony Orchestra.

The public is invited. There is no admission fee but an offering will be taken. A nursery will be provided for infants and small children.



By Rosemary Waltos

JANUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ANOTHER GREAT HANDS-ON ART PROGRAM FOR KIDS. Learn how to create your own Native American designs on pottery; make an Eskimo animal print, and construct a Pre -Columbian figure. Each class consists of a slide presentation and hands-on activity resulting in a finished piece. Registration is on Tuesday, January 4, 11, and 18 and is necessary for each individual week. Classes meet on Saturday, January 8, 15 and 22. Times: Six to eight year olds, 10-11:30; nine to 12 year olds, 11:30-1.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS, Thursday and Friday, 10:30, starting January 13 and 14. Sign up your preschooler for either our Thursday or Friday morning story hour. Story hour is designed to help your child develop a love for reading and books. This series lasts approximately seven weeks. In person registration is necessary. **Registration starts Wednesday, January 5 at 10 a.m..**

ART WORK OF LENNIE PETERSON Opens Thursday, January 13 and runs through January 27. This is the first in the library's **New England Artist Series.** Peterson, a Grafton native now living in Franklin, is an award winning artist who has been featured in art galleries around New England. He is known for his unique, dynamic and detailed surrealistic and realistic drawings.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Comp-U-View: Thursday, January 6, 20, and 27 at 3:30. A must for kids in grades 3 through 6 waiting to use the library's MAC computer. Provides an overview of programs available for public use. Registration starts the Tuesday before each program.

Word Processing for Adults. A basic word processing how-to using easy-to-use PFS FIRST CHOICE software on an IBM compatible computer. Course is held in small group setting. Call for dates, times, and to register.

FRIENDS BOOK AND BAKE SALE, Saturday, January 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose from hundreds of paperback and hardcover fiction and nonfiction titles, and don't leave without something homebaked for dessert. (Baked goods donations welcome.)

Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

MILLBURY - Special town election on debt exclusion. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

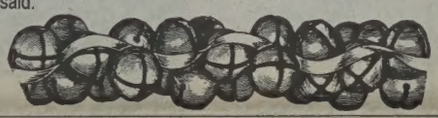
Amorello donates to Walk of Ages

BOSTON - State Senator Matthew J. Amorello (R-Grafton) recently presented a check to the Walk of Ages, a group composed of residents of the Washburn House of Worcester who walked every day for a month to help raise money for hunger relief programs. The average age of the walkers is 90. Amorello presented the check to Hilda-Jane Miller, administrator of the Worcester home.

The walkers of the Washburn House should be commended for their efforts to provide relief to the homeless of Worcester," said Amorello, "particularly during this holiday season."

Ms. Miller has been walking for hunger since the movement began in the 60's. "This year, instead of asking the residents to sponsor me, I asked them to walk with me," she said. "and when I told them $15 can buy milk for 75 children, they just took off walking."

Amorello's donation was raised through a charity golf tournament held in September. "I want to thank all those who participated in the tournament. They helped support the efforts of the walkers and had a good time doing it," Amorello said.



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Selectmen go with DeManche

Lachance urges support of Debt Exclusion

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Selectmen spent little time in finalizing a decision to hire a replacement for Administrative Assistant Earl Chase at their December 14 meeting. The two finalists under consideration were Patricia Whalen, Town Administrator in Sturbridge, and David DeManche, Administrative Assistant in Uxbridge.

"We have had the opportunity to review the resumes, ask questions, check the candidates' backgrounds and (Selectman) Gerry Bleau and (Search Committee Chairman) Dave Matson did some checking as well," said Board Chairman Jude Cristo. He then asked Bleau if he wished to report on his check with officials in the other towns. Bleau said that what he and Matson found out was consistent with what was heard by the Board from the candidates themselves.

"The reports were good in regards to both candidates?" asked Cristo.

"Yes," Bleau replied.

Cristo then asked that both candidates' names be placed in nomination so that each Board member could vote for the candidate of his choice. "The appointment will be made subject to negotiations on a salary," said Cristo. "We would want to go into executive session on strategy the Board will use in those negotiations. I would also think we should call both candidates before the press or radio news stations get it out; that is only fair," said Cristo.

Lachance suggested that only one name be put up for nomination. There was no opposition from other board members. He then moved to appoint DeManche to the position of what the board calls "Town Administrator," subject to salary negotiations.

Cristo noted that both candidates had good backgrounds and were drawn from an excellent field of candidates. "The Search Committee did a great job," he said.

Bleau said it was a difficult decision as both candidates were about equal in qualifications, experience and references. "We couldn't do wrong with either candidate," he said.

"In the event we don't negotiate an acceptable salary," said Lachance, "I would move to recall the three other candidates, not just one."

The vote for DeManche was unanimous.

Bleau suggested that the board go into executive session to discuss the strategy for negotiations with DeManche.

A short recess was declared by Cristo in order to notify both finalists of the board's decision.

Following a recess of 10-15 minutes, the Board did go into executive session and adjourned following the session.

The new title of Town Administrator and a job description was developed by the Search Committee and accepted without exception at the Selectmen's September meeting.

Although the title "Town Administrator" carries with it the perception that DeManche will have a much broader range of power and authority than did Earl Chase as Administrative Assistant, he will not.

DeManche must hold no other appointed, elected office or be engaged in any other business or occupation during service, unless such action is approved in writing in advance by the Board of Selectmen.

The job description places the Town Administrator as the administrative officer for the Board of Selectmen with the duties of supervision and administration of policies and goals from the Selectmen.

The authority of the Town Administrator extends directly only to the personnel and daily management functions of the personnel directly under the Selectmen's control and not of other departments within the town. Upkeep and maintenance of buildings under the Selectmen's control such as the Town Hall and the old Center School still fall under the Selectmen's jurisdiction and authority.

The Town Administrator will act as a coordinator of town activities and operations as necessary to insure effective management of Town affairs and serve as a liaison between all Town boards, departments and committees.

Special Election

In other matters, the Board met with the Sewer Commissioners for a brief overview of the upcoming December 28, 1993 special election for a debt exclusion for the extension of sewers under Stage I of a plan proposed by the Sewer Commissioners. This is the first of a three-stage process to sewer parts of the Town that have already been engineered and have been plagued for years with known sewer problems.

The Chairman of the Sewer Commissioners, Gary Nelson, said that the cost for Stage I will be less than anticipated as the pumping station and land for the station will come to the Town at no cost under a negotiated agreement.

"What I have heard from people in Town has been positive and not negative as to the ballot question for doing Stage I," said Nelson. "I see it as a win-win situation for the Town as we have to start somewhere. It has been all engineered and we haven't laid a sewer line in 6 years."

Nelson also stressed that the sewer line costs inside Paul Revere will not be the responsibility of the Town as that work will be done through Paul Revere and the developer.

Lachance asked who would be overseeing the work at Paul Revere to see that it is done right so there will not be a repeat of the problems at that condominium complex.

Nelson said the Town will have the final say on who performs the work.

Cristo said the DEP will be up there, "probably daily."

Lachance asked if there are any guarantees that things will be done correctly.

Nelson replied, "as much of a guarantee that can be made."

Earl Chase said the next step to look to is a favorable vote on the debt exclusion on December 28th.

Lachance said it was easier for him to say "yes" to the debt exclusion since he has been one of the biggest critics of what happened at Paul Revere. He also noted that with the advent of Title 5 regulations, there is more apt to be a reason to vote in favor.

"I urge voters, and this is not a political campaign speech," said Lachance, "that for the sake of everyone, not just for Paul Revere and Dorothy Pond residents, that people will think this out and vote for the benefit of everyone." He noted that the residents on Dorothy Pond, with such small lots, would not be able to afford to replace their septic systems and would not be able to sell their property with Title 5 regulations staring at them.

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Nelson said he called DEP but received no answer on whether the DEP would grant an extension of time on the new regulations for a Town like Millbury that is working towards alleviating sewer problems.

Handicap Ramp

The Board decided to send a formal request for a handicap access ramp to the Post Office as suggested by Postmaster Bruce Walberg who said it would help get the process going.

The board decided not to designate any handicap parking spaces in that area until the exact location of the access ramp is determined.

Cristo suggested that it would be better to locate it in the back of the building for aesthetic reasons.

Chase noted that the Town can't determine where the ramp will go but he said he would convey the suggestion to Walberg.

It was also suggested that if the ramp is located in back, it might be appropriate to ban parking on the right side of School Street and allow parking on the left side of that one way street with handicap parking somewhere along that side.

Signs

Chase said he and Highway Surveyor Joe Chase looked at Howe Avenue following a request from residents of that area that additional speed signs, children signs and no passing signs be added. There are two speed signs up now, and adding two more speed signs in the middle of the stretch of road would be sufficient as there are double yellow lines now and a sign isn't needed, Chase said. "Children" or "no passing" signs are not needed, he said.

Cristo said what is needed is enforcement down there.

Blash Road

Chase said he was informed that Blash Road is not an accepted public way. Blash has informed the Town that he will be closing that road off from time to time and that one resident on the road will have to seek an alternative way to access his property.

Cristo suggested that Chase check with the County Commissioners to see if they have Blash Road as a county road as is Dwinell Road.

Woodrow Road

A drainage problem on Woodrow Road has come up. A section of that road that is dirt is not part of the accepted paved section of the road. Residents are expecting the Town to fix the drainage problem. Chase said the Town did put in a steel culvert at one time, but it heaved. Residents downstream of the brook are concerned and don't want the water channeled in that direction, Chase said.

Cristo suggested that Chase check and see if the road can be upgraded for acceptance by the Town.

Chase said that would create a healthy bill for a survey and the cost to bring it up to road standards.

Honor Roll in Sutton

SUTTON - Sutton Memorial Junior-Senior High School has announced the first quarter Honor Roll as follows: (first honors, all grades 90 and above; second honors, all grades 80 and above, 85 average.)

JUNIOR HIGH
FIRST HONORS
GRADE 6
Conor O'Sullivan
GRADE 7
FIRST HONORS
Melanie Guerin
Andrea Martin
GRADE 8
FIRST HONORS
Shauna Kilcoyne
Lorelei Plotczyk
Sarah Smith
Justin Teman
SECOND HONORS
GRADE 6
Courtney Cann
Anne Corron
Amy Curtis
Brendon Donovan
Nicole Eisnor
Michael Fusaro
Amanda Guerin
Christy Harrison
Molly Johnson
Pamela Johnson
Stephanie Kaczynski
Eric Kelley
Melissa Lefebvre
Peter Lefferts
Jill McCollum
Alison Palermo
Jason Rodowicz
Shannon Stone
Katherine Walsh
GRADE 7
SECOND HONORS
Sarah Bartelson
Krystin Bedard
Melissa Berube
Amanda Bohanan
Erin Breen
Thomas Campbell
Ryan Chasnov
Kimberly DiLeo
Andrew Duclos
Eric Gauvin
Jennifer Green
Emily Hallen
Morgan Healey
Paul Henrickson
Emilia Keene-Kendrick
Laura King
Daniel Kudla
Kate McAuliffe
Audra Morin
Caitlin Morris
Lawrence Morris
Ilona Nagy
Heidi Page
Beth Petkus
Kristina Raymond
Jessica Sobaleski
Jessica Stevens
Luke Sturgeon
Denielle Thibeault
Julia Woehlke
GRADE 8
SECOND HONORS
Jeffrey Boulay
Melissa Brigham
Amy Capomacchio
Christina Carrier
Bethany Carter
Heather Clark
Elizabeth Ducharme
Jennifer Fallavollita
Matthew Freeman
Michelle Goode
Patricia Hickey
Jadey Kerswell
Andre Kozaczka
Adam Kurowski
Marissa McLaughlin
Joelle Montecalvo
Kristin Nasinnyk
Alysha Palumbo
Maris Piscitelli
Lindsay Quillen
Peter Robbins
Christopher Romasco
Christina Strieby
Joshua Suhl
Cherie Whitney
Amy Whittemore
RoseAnna Wrenn
Lindsey Yankee
GRADE 12
A HONORS
Andrew Bjorn
Cheryl Comeau
Lisa Alger
Philip Breen
Heather Clark
Pamela Gorczynski
Julie Holt
Jocelin Johnson
Kristen Kaczynski
Megan Lytle
Stephanie Maddox
Sarah Osterman
Amy Peterson
Adam Petkus
Amanda Rider
Melissa Roy
Kelly Shepherd
Maureen Snell
David Tefft
Jennifer Varin
Kristy Vires

HIGH SCHOOL: (A - no grade below 90; B - 85 average, no grade below 80)

GRADE 12
A HONORS
Andrew Bjorn
Cheryl Comeau
Michan Connor
Nora Connor
Jennifer Johnson
B HONORS
Michael Beshiri
Justin Carter
Deborah Flaherty
Meghan Fox
Christopher Gauvin
Rebecca Oliver
Tracy Person
Anne Roach
Thomas Szydlik
Brittany Weber
GRADE 11
A HONORS
Eileen Connor
Evan Ferrell
B HONORS
Bradley Allen
Frank Berthold
Stephanie Guerin
Kristina Johnson
Ian Newton
Thomas Polseno
Kieran Stone
Lisa Wrenn
GRADE 10
A HONORS
Kelly Morin
Tammy Tarr
B HONORS
Kelly Bagdis
Christina Bohanan
Christopher Boucher
Denielle Burl
Amy Carreau
Kellie Foster
Matthew Kosciak
Lauren Kourey
Marta Nagy
Adria Quillen
Nicole Salem
Stephanie Smith
Tarn Stem
Jessica Wilke
GRADE 9
B HONORS
Heather Clark
Pamela Gorczynski
Jocelin Johnson
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Sutton may face court action over denial of school use for worship service

By Patricia Cooney

SUTTON - The Sutton School Committee's December 13 meeting opened at 7:10. Chairwoman Sue Horne asked if any citizen wished to speak on any agenda item or ask the Committee to consider placing an item on the Agenda.

Horne recognized the Rev. David C. Alves, Pastor/Teacher of New Hope Christian Fellowship, who asked if he should speak at this time or wait until "Old Business Item 3" on the agenda was discussed. Item 3 read: "Review the request by the New Hope Christian Fellowship for use of school property for religious services and action on same."

(Previously approved regular minutes obtained by the Chronicle of the October 25 and November 8 School Committee meetings do not show any discussion or deliberation on this "Old Business" agenda item. The Chronicle did report on these discussions in its November 4 and November 18 editions covering those Sutton School Committee meetings.)

Alves and several members of the Fellowship were present to speak and answer questions about the request for use of school property.

At about 7:45, following other business, the committee took up the issue with the committee's legal counsel, Attorney Michael Long. Long described the differences between State and Federal Constitutions in regard to the use of school property. "The matter is very complex," said Long. "My opinion of the matter is that under the State Constitution, school property cannot be used for religious worship services."

Long said he had asked for opinions on what he thought to be a conflict between State and Federal Law from the Center of Law and Justice, but he had not heard from them and therefore he had proceeded to come to a decision based on his own analysis. Long also said that the Federal Courts have begun to look at the use of public facilities for and by groups with a religious purpose or intent in a broad way.

In October, Spence allowed the New Hope Christian Fellowship the use of school property for a dramatic presentation. The present request is for a religious worship service which, according to Long, is in conflict with the State's Constitution.

The Committee was told by Long that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has, on several occasions, made decisions that standards in Massachusetts regarding the separation of church and state are different than those of Federal statutes.

After citing several instances in Massachusetts where school property was allowed to be used and some where it was not allowed, Long said that none seemed to address the constitutionality question and the decisions seemed to be based on individual circumstances.

"The way our Supreme Court (Massachusetts) has interpreted our (Massachusetts) Constitution leads me to conclude that there is no authority for letting public utilization of worship service by private groups under Mass. Law," said Long. "Fairly clearly the Federal Courts and the Federal Statutes, to my knowledge of this point, do not have a specific enabling piece of legislation that would require the use, nor am I able to locate, at this point, a case that says we must provide the property for religious service - not even under the Federal Constitution. So to make a very long story, a very complicated story, short, my opinion is that the State Constitution isn't any basis for the authorization of the requested use."

The Chair then recognized Alves who noted that although he is not an Attorney, he believes that the State is superseding the Federal Constitution.

Long replied that there were recent Supreme Court opinions that clearly say that State Law and State Constitution provisions can extend individual liberties beyond the Federal Law.

Snyder then asked Alves if this request was for a one time use only of school property or if it was his intent to ask for repeated use.

Alves said it was for a one time use but more than likely there would be other requests. He also asked if the School Committee was aware of the results of a "no" vote.

Long noted that they had some discussion at the last meeting on November 8 and the Committee was made aware that the matter would possibly be pursued through the Courts by the New Hope Christian Fellowship.

Committeeman Neil Newton then made a motion "to deny the use for religious purposes as requested by the New Hope Christian Fellowship." The motion was seconded by Ann Fox.

When discussion ensued, Snyder asked if the School Committee and the School System would bear the financial burden of the Court case.

Long said "yes" and that it would likely cost tens of thousands of dollars and take about two to three years to be resolved.

Snyder then said that she had a hard time reconciling the amount it would cost in funds taken away from the education of children to fight the issue in the courts.

It was then suggested by Long that if the Committee wanted to explore the ramifications of a court case, Executive Session might be appropriate.

The Committee decided to take a vote on the motion before the Board.

Before the vote was taken, Alves was recognized and spoke to the purpose of his Church. "We are a Fellowship in Town, a Church," he said, "we are not a cult or anything of that sort. We are not with a well-known denomination or anything. My concern is that we do not picture ourselves in an adversarial role. We are not trying to alienate the people in Town."

Alves continued to say that members of the Fellowship want to lead a moral and godly life. He said their children are taught to respect parents, teachers and principals and to pray for Town officials. He also said that they are taxpayers in Town and do not want to see their tax dollars going to fight a court case. Alves continued to express his thoughts that all they wanted was the use of school property as it is given to other groups in town. "If you give it to one group you should give it to all groups," he said.

Alves told the Committee that the Fellowship is a church that intends to stay in town, having started with six families and now increased to 60 people. He also said that most people think Christians will acquiesce, but that the Fellowship will not.

The committee then voted 5-0 to deny the use of school property for religious services to the New Hope Christian Fellowship.

Parent Councils

The Chair recognized the Co-Chairman of the High School Parent Council, Brian O'Sullivan, who was present to invite the Committee to the Council's December 16th meeting. O'Sullivan said that all meetings are open to the public and that he would hope some members of the School Committee would attend so that there would be cooperation and understanding "when we run things by you." The Council is now in the process of coming to grips with goals that will be presented later in the school year. They intend to come to the School Board at the end of the year with a final product. O'Sullivan said that everything was progressing nicely.

Minutes

Victor Kourey raised a question about a missing document that was mentioned in the minutes of the committee's November 8 meeting.

Superintendent Gordon Spence said that he believed the document in question had to do with raises and negotiations with the Sutton Teachers Association and it might be better to discuss it in Executive Session when their lawyer would be present to give assistance.

Kourey asked to put a hold on the approval of the minutes, which was done.

Superintendent's Update

Spence gave an update on several items. He noted that the Sutton Teachers Association approved its contract some 10 days previously. However he also noted that there could be some salary adjustments and these would be updated at a later date.

In regard to "School Choice," Spence said that if the present number of students continue with School Choice and stay in the Sutton System, there could be a projection in revenue of about $107,000.

Spence then reported on a meeting with Governor Weld and several other superintendents. "I think we are going to be OK if the money comes in from the State and it probably will," said Spence. "Governor Weld was very confident that the State

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repairs up there in the heavens, the report came out that the cost involved would be millions - $140 million to be exact! Madre Mia! That's a lotta moolah! Then I got to thinkin', which I rarely do, on how that $140 million could have been used back here on earth...beefing up police patrols, probably new schools; it do boil down to one thing, doesn't it? Priorities!

GUESS WHAT? Laws are in the makin' to regulate the "Hearing Aid" industry advertising on TV. Ayupp! Some have preposterous claims, to say the least. The elderly are getting bilked, again. REMEMBER that gal who advertised, "I've fallen and I can't get up!" Well, she's back in business again, advertising the "Clapper," that gadget that shuts off the TV or a lamp at the sound of a handclap. Go get 'em, lady!

Still on the subject of the elderly, how about that gal that purchased an old paperweight for a couple of bucks, found out later it was over 150 years old; she sold it for $29,999 smackeroos; how about that?

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Why do parents take great care in wrapping up presents for the kiddoes? They just pull and tear it all apart. Ain't it the truth? Bells aren't the only ding-a-lings around! - Quite a Few in Washington!

YE KNOW NOT WHAT TIME...Not to be negative during this season of joy and happiness, we'd like to repeat a recent quote from Jesse Jackson who said in response to all the shootings going on in the real world: "We are living in a world where we could all be victims of 'Russian Roulette of Random Violence!'"

THE BOTTLE SAYS...Take one pill, by mouth, after the evening meal! Now I ask, is there another way to take a pill, except by mouth? Give me a break!

HOW THOUGHTFUL of those in charge to send us our car insurance policies and real estate tax bills just in time for Christmas! Thanks a lot, we all appreciate it!

HOT STUFF...We all know the benefits of Preparation-H, don't we all? Now they say it could be used, in an emergency, when one suffers a burn; they say it's a "temporary" cure, will ease the pain. WHAT A WEIRDO!

A 22-pound superchicken from West Point, CA, has been besieged with offers from nations, corporations, chicken breeders, and businessmen. The Big Chick is so bad and so rough that he killed two cats, crippled a dog, and ripped through a barbed wire fence to trounce a teenager walking by. That Big Bird had to be sipping something...Mon Dieu! HA! BET PEE-WEE, ME MUTT, COULD HAVE STRAIGHTENED THAT BIRD OUT, WITHOUT DOUBT! Just Kiddin', Pee-wee!

YOO HOO! Are you out there? I've got some "Moolah!" for ya! The IRS has some $885,885.18 in unclaimed refund checks for some 1,690 Mass residents. The undelivered checks range in size from $1 to $27,293. How about that? Moolah is there for the asking; to the right party, that is!

YOU KNOW WHO'S GOING TO HAVE IT ROUGH THIS MONTH? Wouldn't want to be in their shoes, ayupp. If you're a Turkey or a cochon, watch out; your number is up.

HAPPEN TO KETCH A LATE SHOW RECENTLY? You see, there was this operation, a Caesarian to be exact, Ma Foi! What you gals have to go through; had to turn it off; didn't have the stomach for it. Gotta give you gals credit, though, you all certainly went through a lot - some of you, anyway.

WINDOW SMASHING...not for the glass, no how! The vandals want your inspection sticker to use on their cars; how about that?

WHO REALLY HAD EWTN and the TBS TV network taken off Cable? Lot of talk going around on who the culprits were. Shame, shame on them - What right did they have? But there's a movement on the way to try to get 'em back.

Mark Russell, the humorist, commented that Ross Perot looks like something that fell off a charm bracelet....THOSE UNWED MIDNITE Tomcats who head for the hills after their child is born should be caught and have their present and future pay garnished. The taxpayers have had it with these Bozo Tomcats...Bad!

FINALLY...The wishes are out now for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll be hearing that a lot now, already have...is it possible? It's tough watching the news, reading the papers; it's tough trying to get into the spirit of things, isn't it? But we've gotta do it; we have to survive. Someday there will be a Merry Christmas for all, and a Happy New Year for all. God! That it happens soon. There is a clipping I keep over my desk which reads: "If there is right in the soul, there will be beauty in the person...If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home...If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation...If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

MERRY CHRISTMAS, DEAR FRIENDS....MAY WE ALL EXPERIENCE THE TRUE MEANING OF HIS BIRTH AND WHAT HE HAS TO OFFER US! Joyeux Noel.

Joseph

EMF legislation among bills submitted by Amorello for '94 session

BOSTON - Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) has submitted the following legislation for the 1994 session:

- An act to examine potential links between electromagnetic radiation fields and certain health problems - calls for Department of Public Utilities study of potential EMF hazards.

- An act to promote safety from lead contamination in housing - increases tax credit for making housing lead safe from $1,000 to $2,500 per unit, allows encapsulation for making housing lead safe.

- An act to limit finance charges assessed to auto insurance ratepayers in the Commonwealth - caps amount of finance charges on monthly auto insurance bills at 1% above prime lending rate.

- An Act to impose stricter penalties for the crime of solicitation - calls for seizing vehicles of those convicted of soliciting prostitutes from their vehicles.

- An act to further improve vocational and technical education in the Commonwealth - creates blue-ribbon panel to recommend improvements to vocational education system in Massachusetts.

- An act to establish the Fresh Start Program - so called "workfare" initiative filed by Rep. O'Sullivan in the House.

The constitutional amendments filed by Amorello are as follows:

- An act relative to limiting the terms of members of the general court and the State's Constitutional Officers - limits legislators and constitutional officers to 8 consecutive years served.

- An act establishing the elected position of Commissioner of Insurance for the Commonwealth - part of plan to make insurance system more accountable to the public.

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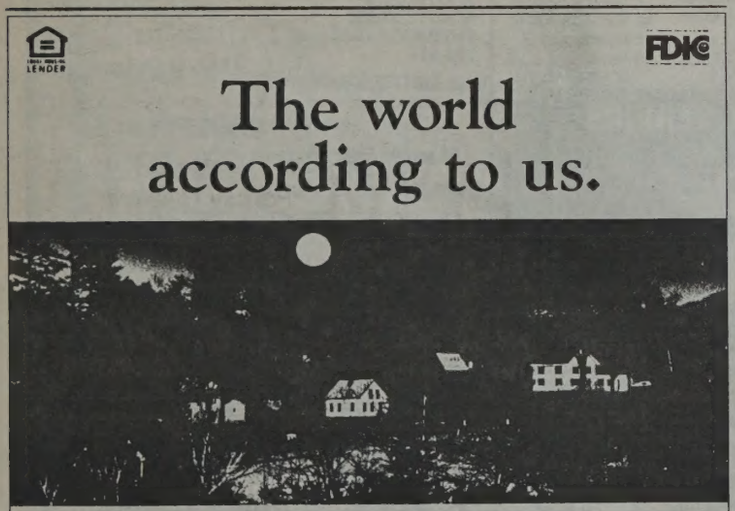

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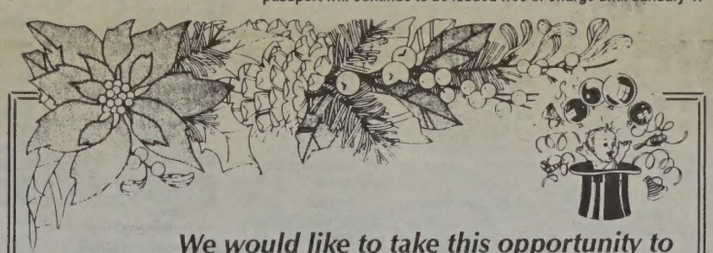

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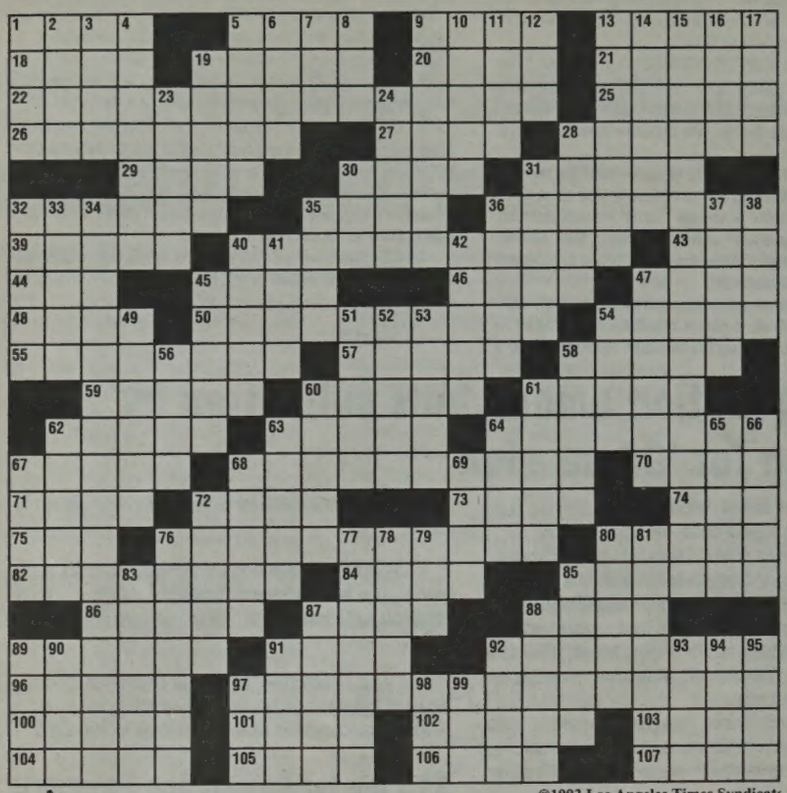

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18 Weaver's need
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22 Gift for Santa himself?
25 Characteristic
26 Rusts
27 Like Hamelin's piper
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29 Had creditors
30 Flanders river
31 Kind of colony
32 Gave hot pursuit
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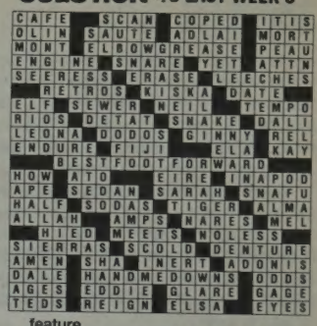

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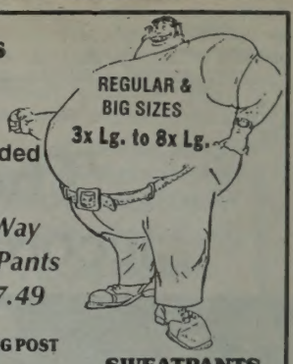

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Millbury Planning Board
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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 1994 at 7:45 P.M. in the Planning Board Conference Room, Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA on a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law: "Section 49: Scenic Road Bylaw". Copies of the text of the proposed Bylaw are available at the Millbury Planning Department, Municipal Office Building.

Anyone wishing to be heard on the proposed Scenic Road Bylaw should appear at the time and place designated above.

Frederick Moseley, Chairman

December 23 and 30, 1992

INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury invites sealed bids for the printing, binding, and delivery of the Annual Town Report. Specifications may be obtained at the Selectmen's Office, Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA.

Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 11, 1994, at which time they will be opened and publicly read in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town of Millbury to do so.

Jude T. Cristo, Chairman

Millbury Board of Selectmen

School Council Meeting

SUTTON - The next meeting of the Sutton Elementary School Council will be held Wednesday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library. The agenda provides a public forum from 6:30-6:45. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

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Gordon for many years and did not deserve to be treated in such a callous manner. Wyman-Gordon has...proven to us all that though Wyman-Gordon is a big company, its handling of the water line project has made it a very small company.

Scott Wolfe

Worcester

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle welcomes Letters to the Editor. However, because of space limitations, letters should be limited to no more than 300 words. We reserve the right to edit any letter in excess of that amount. Name, address, phone number, and signature must be included for verification purposes. Letters not containing all of the above will not be printed.

Because of the time it takes to verify signatures, those letters with multiple signatures will have only one name listed.

Another Point of View

Hope for the Future

By Lawrence Moore

It is easier to find fault than to see perfection. It is easier to criticize than to praise. It is easier to gripe than to relish.

Were it not for these truisms there would be little for commentators to write. Indeed, there might be little reason for the caustic tirades of pundits. But, alas, we do not live in a perfect world. We must thank the pedants for opening our eyes. Difficult, tiresome, unrewarding and perverse as ones' life may be, someone, somewhere is worse off. Perhaps that's why the written, spoken and visual media offer so much real tragedy: it makes our little troubles seem puny by comparison. That's why the eleven o'clock segments on TV, after "Prime Time," have come to be known as "Crime Time."

The station in Miami with the most outlandish reporting of violence, rape and murder is the highest rated in the community, is the envy of others, and is the model which ratings-seekers try to emulate. Violence sells.

Mail order book and record catalogs are full of warnings touting explicit sex and violence. The warning isn't really a warning; it's a come-on to hungry armchair thrill seekers.

The movie industry works harder to reach the outer border of the "R" rating than it does to climb the heights of "PG." TV has become so violent that federal intervention is threatened.

We react to pervasive crime and violence with only palliative measures, band-aids. The obvious cure eludes us.

Like fads and fashion, like the stock market, like the tides and the seasons, we are unwittingly and unalterably governed by cycles: some long and some short, some evident and some imperceptible. Every natural and man-made phenomenon has its rise, its peak, its fall, its nadir and its rebirth, its pattern forever repeated.

The culture in which we live, with its violence and crime, will, inevitably, be recycled. When, how quickly, and how completely it cannot be prophesied. But recycled it will be.

In the United States it has come to be realized that we must start at the beginning, with the children. We are seeing increased emphasis on very early pre-school education. Even the imperfect Massachusetts Education Reform Laws are hopeful. The Annenberg Award of $500,000,000 to be devoted to youth education recognizes the problem and attempts a cure. Annenberg says, "As I see it, we have a desperate situation in the pre-collegiate level. I am so upset at what I see is going on in my country."

The WPI program for exceptionally good students is continuing. News articles report attention to the Special Education needs of high achievers. Tracking is being hotly debated: Education advocacy groups like the Coalition of Essential Schools, the National Institute for School Reform, and the about-to-be-created Annenberg Institute for Education at Brown University all point to a realization of the urgent, absolute importance of education for all children as the medium for the cure of the ills of society.

Treating symptoms has not worked and will not work. Education is the hope for the future.

DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday of the week prior to publication. The office is closed to the public on Saturdays but announcements may be left in the mailbox at the side entrance

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budget will include Reform Bill funds."

Spence also said that those present at the meeting told the Governor that they hoped he would not yield to the pressures of the municipalities when the schools get their piece of the pie and municipalities have to live within Proposition 2 1/2. Spence said Weld assured them all that even though he was expecting pressure, he will not yield.

Medicine Policy

The committee discussed a proposed policy for the administration of medications in the Sutton School Department. The policy was approved by the Dr. Noe Benoit (school doctor) and Eileen Sullivan (school nurse).

School Committee member Alison Snyder had several concerns about the policy and asked what would happen if the nurse was out for the day.

Spence replied that a substitute nurse would be sent and would be able to handle any dispensation of medicine. He also noted that if there was not a nurse on duty, he would contact the Town nurse or call the parents of the child and inform them of the situation. A motion to adopt the policy was approved 5-0.

Special Education

Special Education Director Claudia Simonian was present to answer any questions about her Department in regard to continuing the Special Education Plan for next year. A vote on the plan has to be taken annually.

Simonian explained that the Elementary school speech pathologist is currently servicing about 69 students. When questioned by Snyder about the large number of students being serviced, Simonian said that some of the students are on monitors and there is also an aide for additional help. Simonian also told the Committee that there was a need for a part-time speech pathologist, but no one applied for the advertised position.

A motion to accept the FY'94 Special Education plan was passed 5-0.

Meeting Cancellation

MILLBURY - The Millbury Planning Board has canceled its December 27 meeting. The regular schedule of meetings will resume January 10.

Wanted: families

WORCESTER - Lutheran Social Services of New England (LSS), in partnership with the Department of Social Services (DSS), is seeking families for special needs children in need of permanent homes. DSS estimates that 700 children are waiting to be matched with families who can care for them permanently. In addition, approximately 500 new children each year need homes.

Almost half of the children who wait are children of color, many are in sibling groups (with a goal of placement together) and all of these children have suffered losses and varying degrees of trauma. Some are medically needy, physically disabled, or developmentally delayed. Others have emotional or psychiatric issues. Most of the children are over age six. Some waiting children have a combination of factors which have made them hard to place.

To be considered as adoptive parents, you are required to attend parent preparation training. This consists of 10 three-hour sessions focusing on issues adoptive parents or older special needs children are likely to face. Through this supportive process, the agency will help you decide which children you are best suited to parent. Both families and single people are eligible to apply.

Lutheran Social Services will hold the next training staring on January 20. This will run for 10 Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the LSS Worcester office. For more information on this training or other LSS adoption programs, call 791-4488 and ask for Paula or Karen.

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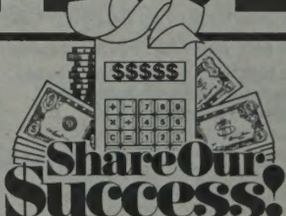

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